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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Quality Assurance Sampling Plan

Collection of Air and Soil Samples for Asbestos Residential Areas Near Certain-Teed/Maline Creek

St. Louis, Missouri

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I have completed review of the subject document, prepared by the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) contractor, Ecology and Environment (E&E), and dated October 1994, according to Region 7 ENSV's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 1330.2, "Review of Quality Assurance Related Documents".

Attached please find Attachment A, "QA Document Review Checklist". Based on this completed checklist and the comments presented below, I am recommending approval with comment. Attached please find the completed signature approval page. A copy has been retained for R7QAMO records.

Project Objective

- 1. Scope of Work, §II.B. As we discussed the week of December 27, 1994, the scope is being modified to include all residents southeast of the site, not just those "affected by the flooding in August 1993".
- 2. Method Detection Limits, §V.B. Determinations for asbestos will be per the attached Nonmandatory Transmission Electron Microscopy Method, 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E, Appendix A, not the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) method 7402.

Note: See Section D of the attached contains the quality control items.

The transmission electron microscopy (TEM) determinations generated in this sampling effort will provide for each asbestos the count in structures per square millimeter. According to

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Asbestiform Fibers: Nonoccupational Health Risks, EPA 68-01-4655, page 84, counting, i.e., use of TEM, emphasizes "respirable dust".

As a result of the change in methodology, the data will not be compared to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) permissible exposure limit (PEL) of 0.2 fibers per cubic centimeter. Only fibers greater than 5 microns can be applied to the OSHA PEL.

Note: Unfortunately, there are no known standards for ambient concentrations of asbestos in air.

Sampling Procedures

1. Sampling Rationale/Methods, §III.A. Locations of the air samplers will be set as recommended by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)-certified air monitoring technician. However, proposed locations are as follows: the area west of the creek and east of the the residential neighborhood divided into three sectors, the residential neighborhood west of the site divided into three sectors, one in the middle of the former Certain-teed site, and one up-wind, or background. A collocated sampler is proposed for the sector south of the creek closest to the buried asbestos exposed by the Maline Creek. Finally, two blanks will be collected per the Subpart E protocol.

Note: The filters for sample collection will be provided by the lab.

Analytical Methods

- Analytical Procedures, §V.A.
- a) Determinations will be provided by Environment & Energy Consultants, St. Louis; I was unable to confirm their claim they were a National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) approved lab. A list of "certified" labs is en route.

Note: It is important the lab realize it is to report the items detailed in Section I of the Subpart E protocol.

b) The modified Chatfield method for determinations of asbestos in soil was not contained in the subject document. Apparently, this is a modification of the Chatfield method for asbestos in floor tile. This appears to be acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact me at x5180.

Attachments

R7QAMO Activity Number: 95-QQ1KF R7QAMO Document Number: 95063

Attachment 2

OA Document Review Checklist

Project/Plan Name: <u>Quality Assurance Sampling Plan; Collection of Air an</u>
<u>Soil Samples for Asbestos; Residential Areas Near Certain-Teed/Maline</u>
<u>Creek; St. Louis, Missouri</u>
Activity Number: 95-001KF Document Number: 95063
Deficiencies were found in the elements checked below: (See the attached review report for comments)
1. Project Objective
Objective or scope of the data collection activity Intended use of the data Action level, required detection limits, data quality objectives Project participant/responsibility table; line authority diagram
2. Sampling Procedures
Sampling network and rationale Sampling schedule, locations, frequency, duration Sample matrices, target analyte Sampling/decontamination procedures Sample containers, preservation, holding times Sample shipment/transportation, coordination with the laboratory Sample custody and documentation of field activities
3. Analytical Methodology
<pre>_XXX_ Quality of written procedure or choice of reference Method detection limit, precision, accuracy, comparability Laboratory documentation</pre>
4. Field and Laboratory QC Samples
Field QC elements Laboratory QC elements Frequency of QC checks Control limits and corrective actions
5. Data Review, Validation and Reporting
Review process Acceptance/rejection criteria for validation Data deliverables
Approval Recommended R7QAMO Reviewer: <u>Douglas J. Brune</u> XXX Approval Recommended w/Comments Completion Date: <u>December 30, 1994</u> Resubmission Recommended

QUALITY ASSURANCE SAMPLING PLAN FOR THE COLLECTION OF AIR AND SOIL SAMPLES FOR ASBESTOS ANALYSIS FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS NEAR THE CERTAIN-TEED/MALINE CREEK SITE

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